

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The specification is amended to make a minor correction.

Claims 1-4 and 10-19 are present in this application, claims 17-19 being added by way of the present amendment. Amended claims 1-4 and new claims 17-19 find support, for example, in Figures 25-27. It is believed that no question of introduction of new matter is raised.

Claims 1 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claims 1-4 and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over US 6,927,797 (Gelbard), and claims 13-16 are rejected over Gelbard in view of JP 10-191118 (Yamada).

Claim 1 is amended to recite the viewfinder to provide subsequent clear antecedent basis, and claim 15 is amended to depend from claim 13 to provide clear antecedent basis for the second arm member. Since claims 1 and 15 are believed to be in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, withdrawal of the § 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

The camera according to claim 1 includes a camera body, a mounting member removably installable on a camera body, a first arm member attached to the mounting member, and a viewfinder removably installed on a first arm member. The first arm member is pivotably rotatable about the mounting member at a first end and is pivotably rotatable about the viewfinder at a second end. The camera according to claim 1 allows for the viewfinder to be used as a long viewfinder.

Turning to the prior art rejections, figure 1 of Gelbard illustrates pivot member 28 which can pivot about support base assembly 24. Attached to member 28 is viewfinder 20. Viewfinder 20 is fixed to member 28 and member 28 does not pivot about the viewfinder. Figure 6 illustrates a second camera where extension 60 is attached to member 28, viewing module 38 is attached to member 28, and eyepiece 48 is attached to module 38. Here also,

member 28 does not pivot about viewing module 38. The camera as recited in claim 1 is clearly patentably distinguishable over Gelbard since there is no disclosure of a camera have the first arm member.

Yamada is cited for a viewfinder 12 attached to a main arm 19, in connection with the second arm member recited in claims 13-16. Viewfinder 12 is pivotable about supporting point section 17 (see Figures 1-2). There is no member which is pivotable about a support member and a viewfinder. Yamada also does not disclose a camera having a first arm member as recited in claim 1. Thus, even if Yamada were to be combined with Gelbard as set forth in the Office Action, the resulting combination does not disclose or suggest the camera of claim 1.

Claim 1 is patentable over a combination of Gelbard and Yamada.

It is respectfully submitted the present application is in condition for allowance and a favorable decision to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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